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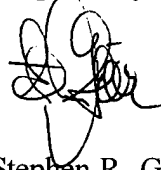
Sir:

Applicant submits this Statement in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98. Presented herewith are copies of domestic patents, foreign patents and/or publications identified on the accompanying Form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's consideration of these items and entry thereof into the record of this application.

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of, or are readily available to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c). The drawing figures accompanying the '765 document, however, appears to show a fastener 10 with a spring-biased threaded rod 52. The biasing spring 40 appears to be fully enclosed within a cylindrical housing 13 and acts to normally retract rod 52 into housing 13 rather than extend such in the manner of Applicants' invention. As the principal parts of fastener 10 are positioned within housing 13, its appearance is distinct from that of Applicants' fastener having virtually all of its parts visible to an observer.

Respectfully submitted,

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